Contemplate the roots of human experience. Engage new ideas and explore possible answers regarding the physical and cultural lineage of humankind. A BS in anthropology can open the door to new understandings of what it means to be human.

**Program Description**

Anthropology is the study of how and why humans evolved and how evolutionary biological, social and cultural trajectories help explain the meaning of being human in past, present and future environments. The BA program in anthropology gives students an opportunity to master anthropological knowledge and skills, or the anthropologically relevant, through applications of the scientific method and quantitative methodologies.

In core and elective courses, the bachelor's degree program in anthropology allows students to explore problems that may require the use of theories and methods from diverse disciplines, including biology, global health, applied mathematics, psychology, economics, sociology, medicine, law and engineering. The curriculum provides many exciting, hands-on learning opportunities through laboratories, study abroad and field-based courses.

Students currently enrolled in the BS in anthropology may not pursue a concurrent degree with the Bachelor of Arts in anthropology or the BA in global health due to the high level of overlap in curriculum. Students should speak with their academic advisor for any further questions.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 251 - Calculus for Life Sciences
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in anthropology: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.anthropology.
Career Opportunities

The demand in the job market for people with an anthropology background is stimulated by a growing need for researchers and analysts with keen thinking skills who can manage, evaluate and interpret large amounts of data. As the many spheres of human interaction expand globally, people trained in anthropology will increasingly be sought for their broad, holistic knowledge and perspective, which are the hallmarks of anthropology.

Some career opportunities include:

- acting as legal advocates in international cases
- analyzing and proposing policies
- conducting postgraduate academic research
- consulting for large and small private and public organizations
- curating cultural resources
- directing nonprofit organizations
- directing programs in the private or public sector
- managing cultural resources in public and private sectors
- modeling infectious diseases
- planning communities
- providing health care as nurses, doctors, or public or global health professionals
- teaching

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<td>4.5%</td>
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Sociology Professor  

|         | 9.8% | $73,080 |

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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